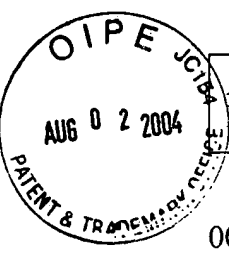


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MASATO IKEDA, ET. AL.)	Examiner: Christian L. Fronda
Application No.: 10/088,594)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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For: NOVEL TRANSALDOLASE)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004 to August 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please amend the application as follows: